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Application No. 10/791,571  
Declaration dated August 22, 2006  
Relating to Office Action of April 25, 2006.

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Applicant : Gilles Soucy et al.  
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DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.130

I, André Deland, do declare that :

1. I am one of the inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in the current U.S. Patent Application No. 10/791,571, entitled "Elastomeric Traction Band with Lug Reinforcements", and filed on March 3, 2004.
2. I am also one of the inventors of the invention claimed in the U.S. Patent No. 6,793,296, entitled "Endless Traction Band with Asymmetrical Support", filed on October 9, 2002 and issued on September 21, 2004.
3. All the inventors named with respect to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/791,571 and to U.S. Patent No. 6,793,296 were employed by Soucy International Inc. when such inventions were made.
4. Both U.S. Patent No. 6,793,296 and the current U.S. Patent Application No. 10/791,571 have been assigned to Soucy International Inc.

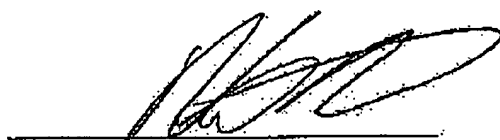
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5. Enclosed to this my declaration is a terminal disclaimer in relation to the captioned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/791,571.
6. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I have signed at Drummondville, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

  
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André Deland